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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND § 1.143

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 27, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-4, 6-10, and 27-28) with traverse for continued prosecution in the above-captioned application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all groups of invention identified in the outstanding Office Action have unity with each other group. Moreover, there exists a single general inventive concept specifically describing the unique special technical feature in each group. Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's assessment of the prior art, nor how the subject matter of the pending claims relates thereto.

Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin the claims, at least with respect to Groups I and II. Claim 5 (which the Examiner has placed in Group II), depends

from claims 1 and 4 (which the Examiner has placed in Group I), is directed to a nucleic acid sequence as are claims 1 and 4, and would require common areas of search and consideration.

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